

Remarks

After amendment, claims 20-24, 27-34 and 37-39 remain pending in the present application. Support for the amendment to the claims may be found throughout the originally filed application. The amendment to the claims has been made to address a formalistic rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. No new matter has been added by way of the present invention.

The Examiner has objected to the specification and/or rejected the present invention variously under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting and under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for the reasons which are stated in the May 23, 2006 office action on pages 2-4. Applicants shall address each of the objections/rejections in the sections which follow.

The Rejection of the Application Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected the previously submitted claims 21-24 and 27-29 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for the reasons which are set forth in the office action on pages 2-4. In response, Applicants have amended the claims to reflect the fact that these claims are now dependent on claim 20, not 40 as previously presented.

It is respectfully submitted that the presently claimed invention is now in compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

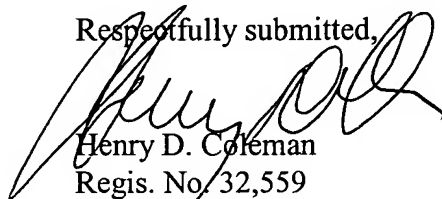
The Rejection under the Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claims 20-24, 27-34 and 37-39 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. patent no. 5,817,667. To address this rejection, Applicants enclose herewith, an executed terminal disclaimer and the fee of \$130 for its presentation.

For all of the reasons presented above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested. No fee is due for the presentation of this amendment. A petition for a one month extension is enclosed as is the fee of \$120 for the petition. Large entity status applies to the present application. Please charge any additional fee due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0838.

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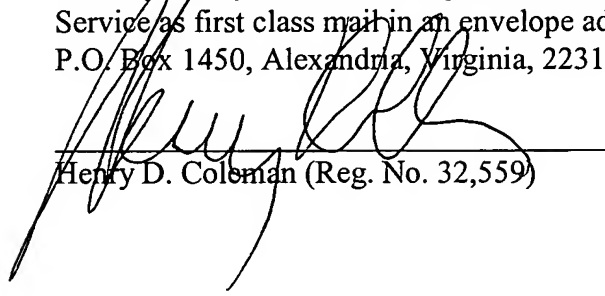
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